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Receipt is acknowledged of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) and a submission, filed on 1/23/2006. The submission, however, is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because independent claim 51 has been amended to be directed to a method that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed and elected. The remaining claims ultimately depend from claim 51. As such, the submission presents only claims drawn to a non-elected invention and is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). Claims 51-72 are not readable on the elected invention because the originally claimed and elected invention was directed to a method for identifying one or more ion channels of a cell that may be affected by a test substance. As amended, claim 51 is directed to a method for classifying a test substance into one or more functional categories. The steps and goals of these two methods are substantially different and require non-coextensive non-patent literature searches.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marianne P. Allen whose telephone number is 571-272-0712. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 5:30 am - 1:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brenda Brumback, can be reached on 571-272-0961. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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